

24/07/2017 – Post HH Event Email

Dear xx

I am delighted you were able to join us for the reopening of our spectacular new Hintze Hall on 13 July. Unveiling Hope the blue whale in the presence of our Royal Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cambridge was a special moment for the Museum, and I hope you enjoyed the evening.

The transformation of Hintze Hall, its newly displayed specimens and our blue whale all powerfully embody the Natural History Museum's mission. As our Chair Lord Green said, this is 'new gallery for a new era' speaking of the impact and ambition of our cutting edge science and public reach.

Media coverage of the opening has been extensive and positive. A significant highlight has been a documentary <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08y3s55> by BBC Horizon charting the story of 'Dippy and the Whale' over two years at the Museum. Print highlights include a feature in the [FT Weekend Magazine](https://www.ft.com/content/b5d17b84-5b89-11e7-b553-e2df1b0c3220) <https://www.ft.com/content/b5d17b84-5b89-11e7-b553-e2df1b0c3220>, a comment piece in the [Evening Standard](http://www.standard.co.uk/comment/comment/we-have-hopes-and-fears-as-big-as-the-whales-in-our-museum-a3587096.html) <http://www.standard.co.uk/comment/comment/we-have-hopes-and-fears-as-big-as-the-whales-in-our-museum-a3587096.html> and a 5 star review <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/exhibition-review-natural-history-museum-sw7-bdhvm3k22> in the Times. The Guardian also ran a [weekend opinion piece](https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jul/14/the-guardian-view-on-biodiversity-the-lightness-of-the-whale) <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jul/14/the-guardian-view-on-biodiversity-the-lightness-of-the-whale> on biodiversity, centred around the whale, asking: 'Can Hope help us to confront biological annihilation?'

This is the beginning of an exciting journey, as we create a Natural History Museum for the future. The coming years will see us digitising our collection, taking Dippy on tour, and transforming our Grounds, to engage people in the future of the natural world and unlock answers to our big, global issues. I hope that you will feel inspired to join us.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Museum soon.

Kind regards

Sir Michael Dixon

11/05/2017 – HH Event Invitation (Print)

The Chairman and Trustees of
The Natural History Museum
are pleased to invite
to join them for the launch of the spectacular new
Hintze Hall
Thursday 13 July 2017
Gala reception 18.30 to 20.30
Main entrance, Cromwell Road
London SW7 5BD
Business attire
Invitation not transferable

RSVP

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24/04/2017 – Email Hintze Hall Launch and instalment of gift

Lovely to hear from you. I am just back from a brief but enjoyable Easter break, I hope you had a good break too. Of course a cheque will be absolutely fine, please do send it for my attention. Attached is a report on progress with the Hintze Hall project - we can send you or Sir Michael a hard copy as well so do let me know what you'd prefer.

Your email is exceedingly well timed as I was going to get in touch this week about a number of things! Firstly, the Hintze Hall launch event has now been confirmed with Kensington Palace for Thursday 13 July (7:30 to 9:30pm). Formal invitations will be going out later this week but I wanted to confirm this with you and Sir Michael as soon as possible. Confidentially, the Duchess of Cambridge has now confirmed, as has Sir David Attenborough so it's shaping up to be a memorable evening. As well as the format of the launch event itself, some other Hintze Hall-related matters I'd love to discuss with you are donor acknowledgement during the launch and in the Hall, and whether Sir Michael might be interested in being interviewed by the Science Editor at the Financial Times about why he became a transformational donor for the project. The FT is running a major feature including interviews with major stakeholders - if it is of interest to Sir Michael we could arrange an interview between him and the journalist, [REDACTED].

Secondly, the Blue Whale - Hintze Hall's new centre piece - has started to return to the Museum and will be suspended from the ceiling within the next fortnight - I saw her in her new pose out at Bicester a few weeks ago and she is going to look amazing in the Hall. I would be delighted to arrange a hard hat tour for you and/or Sir Michael and family members. I know he and his family enjoyed their visit a few months back to the whale when it was in the conservation studio here and it would be fantastic to show you all the next phase. Many of the Wonder Bays will also be in place by mid-May so a visit would provide a private opportunity for a sneak-peak of the majority of the Hall before launch. Do let me know if this would be of interest.

I'd be happy to meet up at your convenience in town or here over the next few weeks - could you send me some times you are free please or if easier I will ask [REDACTED] to liaise with you to arrange a suitable date. In the meantime thank you again and we will confirm receipt of the cheque with a letter to Sir Michael and Lady Hintze thanking them for their continued support and generosity.

All best wishes
Fiona

29/11/2016 – email re dates for HH opening

From: Fiona McWilliams
Sent: 24 November 2016 21:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Hintze Hall

Dear [REDACTED]

I am so sorry - I have only just seen this for some reason! Please forgive my tardy reply. The launch date for the grand opening of the new Hintze Hall will be either 13 July (preferable) or 12 July. Both dates are lodged with Kensington Palace and HRH The D of C is apparently keen to attend - though we won't find out for a little while if she's confirmed. She visited us earlier this week for a tea party to say goodbye to Dippy our Diplodocus - I do hope you caught some of the media coverage. I'd be delighted to forward you some if you would like to see it.

Of course we absolutely would like Michael and his family to be guests of honour at the grand launch - and I'd love to talk through with you how to make that a very special occasion for them, as well as some ideas we have so that they can have a sneak preview of the works in progress, and perhaps how Michael might want to use the newly refurbished hall as a venue. Do you think we can find a date in the diary before Christmas please?

Meantime - I gather that Michael, [REDACTED] enjoyed their visit to the NHM to see the Blue Whale in conservation last week. I was in the US so unfortunately didn't see them but [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said it looked like they were really enjoying the tour. I also just wanted to let you know that in a section of our new Annual Review, which will be printed shortly, as well as listing The Hintze Family Charitable Foundation as one of our generous donors, we have also included them in a narrative section listing a few key donors who have supported the transformation of Hintze Hall. We will of course send you as well as Michael a copy of the Review when it is printed.

I hope all is well with you and that we can meet up soon.
With all good wishes
Fiona

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2016 11:18
To: Fiona McWilliams
Subject: Hintze Hall

Good morning Fiona! I hope you had a lovely weekend and saw the odd firework or two? Just wondering if you could possibly confirm that important date we have in the diary for next Summer please?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



07 December 2016

[Redacted]
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Dear [Redacted]

As Director of Development and Communications at the Natural History Museum, it gives me great pleasure to write to you enclosing our 2015/16 Annual Review. It has been an eventful year at the Museum as we have started to realise the ambitious plans set out in our 2020 strategy. We are building a Natural History Museum for the future, connecting people with nature and helping to shape our response to the big challenges facing us and our planet.

The 2015/16 Review celebrates a broad range of projects and the people who helped make them possible. From announcing that our famous Diplodocus cast 'Dippy' is embarking on a UK tour, to the ambitious Déworm3 project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation working towards the eradication of diseases that affect the world's poorest communities, to sharing our collections through our open-access Data Portal with over half a billion downloads – 2015/16 saw the Museum reach out and increase its impact in the UK and across the world.

Next year will see the launch of the Museum's spectacular new design for Hintze Hall, where our great blue whale skeleton will take centre stage. Together with a major new exhibition on whales in the Waterhouse Gallery and our new Members and Patrons rooms opening in the autumn, the Museum will offer many reasons for you to visit us next year.

I hope you will enjoy reading about our work and achievements over the past year. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to meet you and hear your thoughts on the Museum's work and our future plans. Please do let me know if this would be of interest to you and we can arrange a convenient time.

With all good wishes

Fiona

Fiona McWilliams
Director of Development and Communications
[Redacted]

I hope all is well with you & look forward to meeting up soon!